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Subject: Feedback from SA

Hi all,

Below is feedback from Mark's general with Jane. Please let me know if you have any questions on the responses or action items. Thanks.

ACTION:

- Response pending from AO regarding Korea Environment Minister Cho's request to meet with Administrator Wheeler on Friday, September 20. The topics for the proposed meeting are EPA policies on chemicals and the water industry. In response to SA email, Martin provided following update: "no word. Will check in with Chad, who met with RJ this morning" on August 8. [Chen, Doroski, Novikoff] Jane checking with Nate again.
- Talking points needed for TECRO meeting on Tuesday, August 8 at 10:30 - 11:30. Issues are multi-agency collaboration and new primary interlocutor. Justin prepared.

INFO:

- APEP will brief OW Macara Lousberg and Christine Ruf on EPA's cooperation with China on August 14. OW noted that the meeting is only to introduce them to the program as any commitments from OW will require their DAA (Best-Wong or Bertrand) present. [Chen, Doroski] Good, let us know how it goes.
- The Department of State approved the EPA-DOS Green Ports and Vessel Interagency Agreement no-cost extension for one year; it will expire on September 30, 2020. The amendment is being processed by the Office of Grants and Debarment to fully execute the extension. [Chen] Mark let Jane that we requested read out from Embassy Beijing on MEE/MOT's commitment to this work. In the meantime, Jane is responding to Region 9 email letting them know that no FTE is available for FY20. Let us know what Embassy reports.
- OAQPS is unable to meet APEP's request to provide experts for technical assistance on regional efforts to improve air quality management in Southeast Asia as part of our interagency agreements with the Department of State and USAID. Colleagues in OAQPS suggest that OITA management raise these types of technical assistance requests to OAR management during scheduled quarterly meetings to allow for further consideration of such requests within OAR. [Doroski, Chen, Lee] Jane suggests having Chad raise in meeting with OAR AA. Brenda will draft talking points from earlier email to OAQPS.
- OCSPP is advancing planning for a meeting with the Chief Environmental Scientist from Australia's Victoria EPA on August 22 at EPA HQ. Topics of interest include development of environmental standards, prioritization process for chemical assessments, risk assessment guidance and assessment programs on chemicals of concern. OCSPP has asked OITA to participate and help provide an introduction overview. Lisa Almodovar is tentatively slated to cover this for OITA as Mark will be out. OITA's International Visitor Coordinator is helping with visitor clearance and the visitor spreadsheet. Noted updated from previous report.
- The European Commission will begin a process in September to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos commonly used by vegetable and citrus farmers in Europe and sold by the U.S. multinational Corteva Inc. An Aug. 2 finding by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) identifying human health concerns associated with exposure to chlorpyrifos will be used to deny the renewal license for the insecticide by Jan. 31, 2020, according to a European Commission spokesperson. An EFSA spokesperson told journalists this was the first time the body had ever published preliminary statements by experts, before

an ongoing peer-review has been finalized. This unprecedented move was triggered by a request from the EU Commission in early July.

- Corteva, previously a unit of DowDupont, has announced it disagrees with EFSA's conclusions and referenced different conclusions by EPA, WHO and the Australian authorities. EPA had announced in July 2019 that it would not ban the pesticide for agriculture use. It has been banned for household use in the U.S. already. Given the high level of attention in the U.S. to this matter, OPP is preparing a desk statement in response to EFSA's recent statement on chlorpyrifos. The draft desk statement is currently under review in OPP. Jane knew but wants final desk statement to share with Jane. Katherine, please provide when available.
- FYI. During the week of August 5, Italy's Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini announced a call for dissolving the coalition government and suggested a call for new elections in the fall. It is possible elections could take place in October, though too soon to say as most Parliamentarians are on summer holiday at present.

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